implemented in 'project mode' in identified 150 pilot districts in the country.

Government departments providing funds for rural development to NGOs

2843. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Government departments who grant funds for rural development to NGOs;

(b) whether any vigil is kept on the NGOs so that the grant may be honestly spent on rural development; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA: (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Release of funds for watershed programme

2844. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received request from the Government of Andhra Pradesh to release the funds under various schemes of Rural Development in time to implement the watershed programme more vigorously;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government to achieve the task in time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) Yes, Sir.